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CASE NO. 42692

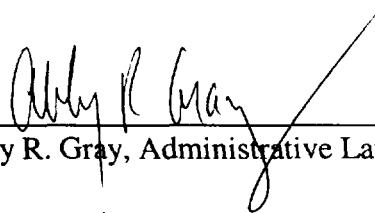
**VERIFIED PETITION OF NORTHERN)
INDIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY FOR)
APPROVAL OF A NON-FIRM BACK-UP AND)
MAINTENANCE POWER SERVICE)
CONTRACT WITH UNITED STATES STEEL)
CORPORATION, MIDWEST PLANT, AND)
FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF)
CONFIDENTIAL PROCEDURES RELATING)
TO SAID CONTRACT)**

You are hereby notified that on this date, the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission has caused the following entry to be made:

The presiding officer finds that NIPSCO should file written responses to the following questions prior to the Evidentiary Hearing, or be prepared to address these issues at the Evidentiary Hearing:

1. Please provide any analysis conducted relating to the effects that an outage may have in terms of MISO penalties and/or Real Time charges. What assurances are in place to prevent those penalties and/or charges from being passed on to other NIPSCO customers?
2. Given that the primary term of the Contract has expired, has either party exercised their available options to terminate the Contract?

IT IS SO ORDERED.



Abby R. Gray, Administrative Law Judge

Date: _____

July 22, 2005